GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
RAILWAYS
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:502
ANSWERED ON:20.02.2003
CONSTRUCTION OF METRO RAILWAY IN BANGALORE
PUTTASWAMY GOWDA

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is a long pending demand by the people of Karnataka for construction of Metro Railway in Bangaloreon the lines of Delhi Metro Railways;

(b) if so, whether the Centre particularly the Railway officials had several meetings regarding this issue;

(c) if so, the details thereof;

(d) whether the state has agreed to pay its share of money for the project; and

(e) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI BANDARU DATTATRAYA)

(a) to (e): A statement is attached.

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO (e) OF UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 502 BY SHRI G. PUTTA SWAMY GOWDA TO BE ANSWERED IN LOK SABHA ON 20.02.2003 REGARDING CONSTRUCTION OF METRO RAILWAY IN BANGALORE.

(a), (d) & (e) Yes, Sir. The proposal is under consideration by the Govt. of Karnataka (GOK), tointroduce a medium − heavy Rail based system, partly elevated and partly underground. The GOK proposes tohave a Detailed Project Report (DPR) prepared to arrive at realistic rider- ship figures, cost estimates, O&M expenses and viability based on affordable rates. Delhi Metro Rail Corporation Ltd. (DMRC) has been requested to undertake preparation of a DPR at a cost of not exceeding Rs.2.5 crores + 5% service tax for East-West corridor and North −South corridor. The GOKhas sought funding of the preparation of DPR as per the standard sharing pattern of 60:40. The Government of India (GOI) has agreed to fund 40% of the cost of the study,i.e. Rs. 1 crore to be paid in nine instalments. The first instalment of 20% amounting to Rs.20 lakhs has been released on 13.01.2003.

(b) & (c) The subject, i.e. introduction of Metro Railway system, pertains to Ministry of Urban Development and P.A. and therefore Railway Officials have not held any meeting on the issue. However, Railway officials had several meetings with the representatives of the Government of Karnataka regarding survey for introduction of Inter-modal transport system in Bangalore by upgrading existing Railway infrastructure.